

**SUPERIOR COURT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
DEPARTMENT ONE**

**MICHAEL L. DUFFY  
PRESIDING JUDGE ELECT**

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All Attorneys Practicing in San Luis Obispo County, District Attorney, Sheriff, All Law Enforcement Agencies, Public Defender, Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments, County Administrative Office, Board of Supervisors, County Clerk and County Counsel

Re: Judicial Assignments for Calendar Year 2004

Commencing January 5, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of San Luis Obispo, will initiate its annual judicial reorganization. This year the Court will again be organized by teams, with each judicial officer assigned to a specific team. Coverage for vacations, judicial education, illnesses, backup and disqualifications will, to the extent possible, be handled within each of the teams.

Please direct any questions you may have about next year's calendar configurations to judicial support staff by calling 781-5420. Thank you for your attention to the following changes.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Duffy  
Presiding Judge Elect

Attachment: Judicial Assignments for 2004

## JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2004

Judge Michael L. Duffy will be the Presiding Judge for 2004. Judge Roger T. Picquet will be the Assistant Presiding Judge and act as Presiding Judge in Judge Duffy's absence. The following are the assignments for 2004:

### **CRIMINAL TEAM**

Judge Barry T. LaBarbera, Team Leader, Department 2  
Judge Michael L. Duffy, Department 1  
Judge Christopher G. Money, Department 5  
Judge John A. Trice, Department 6  
Judge Charles S. Crandall, Department 7  
Judge Dodie A. Harman, Department 10  
Commissioner Sidney B. Findley, SLO, Grover Beach and Paso Robles  
Referee Stephen B. Sefton, Department 11, SLO, Grover Beach and Paso Robles

**DUTIES:** The criminal team will handle all felony and misdemeanor criminal cases from arraignment to disposition, along with criminal writs, and MDO petitions (2960 P.C.). All felony and misdemeanor arraignments, pretrials, motions, and trials will be heard in the department where the defendant makes a first appearance with the exception of afternoon in-custody arraignments, which may thereafter be reassigned to other departments. The judge presiding in that department will be assigned for all purposes for the balance of the case. Motions should be noticed at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing date prior to the pretrial or pre-preliminary conference. Applications for criminal writs on actions taken by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) should be presented to the Court in which petitioner's name falls. Ex parte applications should be presented to the judicial secretary. Misdemeanor calendars will continue to be called in the Grover Beach and Paso Robles branch courts. Traffic calendars will continue to be called in San Luis Obispo, Grover Beach and Paso Robles.

<b>Criminal Calendar – San Luis Obispo</b>	
Adult Drug Court	Department 5, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
Proposition 36 (Post-Sentence)	Department 10, Monday, 1:30 p.m.
Arraignments, Sentencings, Pretrials and Pre-preliminary Hearings In-Custody Arraignments	8:30 a.m. Monday-Friday  Rotating Department 4:00 p.m. Daily
Preliminary Hearings, Contested Probation Violation Hearings &	TBA

Evidentiary Motions	
Jury Trials	TBA
PC270 Hearings	1:00 p.m. Wednesday in Department 2 before Commissioner Findley – SLO
PC270 In-custody Arraignments and Returns on Bench Warrants	8:30 a.m. Daily in Department 3 before Commissioner Stuart

Single defendant cases will be assigned by surname as follows:		
A – Cn	(felony and misdemeanor)	Judge Money
Co – Gn	(felony and misdemeanor)	Judge Harman
Go – K	(felony and misdemeanor)	Judge Trice
L – O	(felony and misdemeanor)	Judge Duffy
P – Z	(felonies)	Judge LaBarbera
P – Z	(misdemeanors)	Judge Crandall
Multiple defendant cases will be assigned equitably on a rotating basis.		
MDO (PC2960) cases are assigned to two of the criminal departments and are assigned by surnames as follows:		
A – L Judge Trice		
M – Z Judge LaBarbera		

In calendar year 2004, misdemeanor calendars will be called in the Grover Beach and Paso Robles branch courts by Commissioner Sidney B. Findley.

<b>Misdemeanor Calendars – Grover Beach and Paso Robles</b>	
Misdemeanor Arraignments	8:00 a.m. Friday – Grover Beach 1:00 p.m. Friday – Grover Beach 8:00 a.m. Thursday – Paso Robles 1:00 p.m. Thursday – Paso Robles
Misdemeanor Pretrial Conferences/Trial Setting Conferences/Probation Modifications	8:30 a.m. Tuesday – Grover Beach 1:30 p.m. Tuesday – Grover Beach 8:30 a.m. Monday – Paso Robles 1:30 p.m. Monday – Paso Robles
Motions	2:30 p.m. Tuesday – Grover Beach 2:30 p.m. Monday – Paso Robles

All traffic, minor misdemeanors and infractions will be called by Traffic Referee Stephen B. Sefton in San Luis Obispo, Grover Beach and Paso Robles.

<b>Traffic Calendars</b>	
Adult Traffic Arraignments	1:00 p.m. Friday – SLO 8:30 a.m. Wednesday – Grover Beach 1:00 p.m. Tuesday - Paso Robles
Adult Traffic Trials	8:30 a.m. Friday – SLO 10:30 a.m. Wednesday –Grover Beach 8:30 a.m. Tuesday – Paso Robles
Informal Juvenile and Traffic Calendars	1:00 p.m. Wednesday – Grover Beach 3:00 p.m. Tuesday – Paso Robles
Informal Juvenile and Traffic Trials	10:00 a.m. Wednesday – Grover Beach 10:00 a.m. Tuesday – Paso Robles

NOTES ON TRAFFIC: Attorneys are to appear at either 1:30 or 3:30 p.m. for the SLO traffic arraignment calendar. Otherwise, their matter will be heard in the order that it is called. Attorneys are to notify the Traffic Department in Room 220 in advance of their intent to appear on a traffic matter. The Court will issue a separate notice on traffic hearing times, days, and locations.

### **Juvenile Team**

Judge Teresa Estrada-Mullaney, Supervising Juvenile Judge

**DUTIES:** The supervising juvenile judge will hear all delinquency and dependency calendars, contested hearings and the juvenile drug court. Informal juvenile and traffic calendars and trials will be called by a hearing officer designated by the Court.

<b>Juvenile Calendar – Juvenile Services Center (JSC)</b>	
Department of Social Services (300)	1:00 p.m. Tuesday 1:00 p.m. Wednesday
Probation (602)	8:30 a.m. Monday 1:00 p.m. Monday 8:30 a.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Thursday 1:00 p.m. Thursday
Contested Probation Matters	8:30 a.m. Tuesday
DSS Readiness Calendar	12 noon Tuesday
Contested DSS Matters	2:30 p.m. Monday 2:30 p.m. Wednesday TBA
Juvenile Drug Court	2:00 p.m. Friday 3:00 p.m. Friday
Informal Juvenile and Traffic Calendar	10:00 a.m. Friday (Calendar called by Deputy Probation Officer sitting as a hearing officer)

## **CIVIL TEAM**

Judge Douglas Hilton, Team Leader, Department 8

Judge Roger T. Picquet, Department 9

Judge Martin Tangeman, Veterans Hall

Commissioner Sidney B. Findley, Limited Civil, Grover Beach and Paso Robles

Referee Stephen B. Sefton, Small Claims, Department 11, SLO, Grover Beach and Paso Robles

**DUTIES:** The civil team will hear civil matters, probate, mental health, adoptions and civil writs. All proceedings will be heard by the judge who has been assigned to manage the case for all purposes. All motions should be calendared for that department after a date has been secured from the Clerk's Office. Jury trials, court trials and other contested hearings generally commence Monday at 8:30 a.m., but may be conducted Monday through Friday on a schedule determined by the judicial officer.

<b>Civil Calendar</b>	
<b><u>DEPARTMENT 8</u></b> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Trial Calendar Case Management Conferences Mental Health Mediation/Settlement Conferences	8:30 a.m. Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Monday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 a.m. Daily 1:30 p.m. Weds., Thurs. & Fri.
<b><u>DEPARTMENT 9</u></b> Ex Parte Hearings  Law & Motion Probate Calendar Adoption Calendar Trial Calendar Case Management Conferences Mediation Settlement Conferences	8:30 a.m. Weds. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m. Thursday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Monday 9:00 a.m. Weds. & Fri. 1:30 p.m. Weds., Thurs. & Fri. As arranged
<b>Civil Calendar (Continued)</b>	

<b>Veterans Building</b> Ex Parte Hearings  Law and Motion Trial Calendar Small Claims Trials/Appeals Mediation & Settlement Conferences	8:30 a.m. Weds. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Monday 8:30 a.m. Thursday  1:30 p.m. Weds., Thurs. & Fri.
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<b>Civil Calendar – Branch Courts</b>	
Limited Civil Calendar – Paso Robles	1:30 p.m. Monday before Commissioner Findley
Limited Civil Calendar – Grover Beach	3:00 p.m. Tuesday before Commissioner Findley

<b>Small Claims Calendar</b>	
Small Claims Calendar	8:30 a.m. Thursday - SLO
Small Claims Calendar	1:30 p.m. Thursday – Grover Beach
Small Claims Calendar	8:30 p.m. Monday – Paso Robles

**NOTES ON CIVIL:** Counsel requesting a court reporter for civil law and motion matters must make this request at least 24 hours in advance and must pay the fee in advance. Contact Courtroom Operations Manager, Marianne Wolf for court reporter reservations. Local Rule of Court 18.00(c) may be invoked due to a current shortage of certified shorthand reporters. Counsel should expect to be prepared for trial on the assigned date.

### **FAMILY LAW TEAM**

Judge E. Jeffrey Burke, Team Leader, Department 4  
Commissioner Lane Stuart, Family Support, Department 3  
Commissioner Ginger E. Garrett, Domestic Violence, Department 12

**DUTIES:** The family law team will hear matters related to dissolutions, annulments, petitions to establish parental relationship, custody, visitation, child and spousal support, and domestic violence. All motions should be calendared for the case's assigned department after a date has been secured from the Clerk's Office.

<b>Family Law Calendar</b>

<b><u>DEPARTMENT 4</u></b> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Trials Trials or Mediation	8:30 a.m. Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 1:30 p.m. Daily
<b><u>DEPARTMENT 3</u></b> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Trial  Trial or Mediation AB1058 (Family Support Calendar)	8:30 a.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m. Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Thurs. & Fri. 10:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Wed. 1:30 p.m. Daily 8:30 a.m. Monday 1:30 p.m. Monday
<b><u>DEPARTMENT 12</u></b> Ex Parte Hearings Law & Motion Trial  Domestic Violence Trial or Mediation	8:30 a.m. Tues., Weds., Thurs., Fri. 8:30 a.m. Monday 8:30 a.m. Thurs. & Fri. 10:30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Weds. 8:30 a.m. Tues. & Weds. 1:30 p.m. Daily

**NOTES ON FAMILY LAW:** Commissioner Garrett will call the OSC calendar for domestic violence. Commissioner Stuart will call the OSC calendar for family support. Local Rule of Court 18.00(c) may be invoked due to a current shortage of certified shorthand reporters. Counsel should expect to be prepared for trial on the assigned date. All Ex parte hearings will be heard in each department. Ex partes will be heard on paperwork only.

### **APPELLATE DIVISION**

Judge E. Jeffrey Burke  
Judge Martin J. Tangeman  
Judge Dodie A. Harman  
Judge Christopher G. Money (Alternate)

CALENDAR: Oral argument - 4:00 p.m. first Thursday of each month - Board of Supervisors' Chambers.